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Re Application of:

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Range and Accuracy of Binding Assays**

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### REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an extension of time of two (2) months within which to file a timely Request for Continued Examination of the above-described patent application.

Applicants filed a timely Notice of Appeal on December 23, 2003. Accordingly, Applicants' Appeal Brief was due on February 23, 2004. A two month extension of time is therefore requested in order to permit the timely filing of a Request for Continued Examination of the above-described patent application. The Large Entity payment of **\$420.00** is enclosed.

In the event that the Commissioner determines that an additional extension of time or an additional fee is required in for consideration of Applicants' Request for Continued Examination, the Commissioner is requested to consider this submission to be a request for such additional extension of time, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0548 referencing docket number 3501.115.

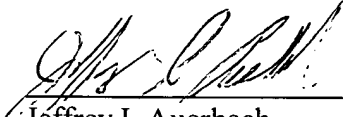
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